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SUBJECT:TRANSBOUNDARY POLLUTION - POPLAR RIVER

1. WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT OF LOCALLY AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON PROPOSED COAL MINING AND ELECTRIC POWER DEVELOPMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN POWER CORPORATION ON EAST FORK OF POPLAR RIVER. WE UNDERSTAND FIRM IS CROWN CORPORATION.

2. INFORMATION AT HAND IS THAT DEVELOPMENT PLANS INCLUDE COAL MINING AND ELECTRIC GENERATION FACILITY ON SITE APPROXIMATELY TWO MILES FROM INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND SIXTEEN MILES FROM SCOBAY, MONTANA. PROJECT APPARENTLY ENTAILS STRIP MINING OF APPROXIMATELY 160-320 ACRES PER YEAR, INITIAL DEVELOPMENT OF 300 MEGAWATT THERMAL PLANT BY 1979, AND EVENTUAL CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR THERMAL PLANTS WITH CAPACITY OF 1200 MEGAWATTS.

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3. IN VIEW OF PROPOSED LOCATION, WE WISH CLARIFY PROJECT'S

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AND TRANSBOUNDARY AIR AND
WATER POLLUTION HAZARD.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT GRANT MITCHELL, DEPUTY MINISTER OF
ENVIRONMENT FOR SASKATCHEWAN, KNOWLEDGEABLE ON PROPOSED
PROJECT. WE ALSO INFORMED REGINA LEADER POST CARRIED
ARTICLE ON PROPOSED PROJECT. INGERSOLL

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